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IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

REF: USUN 4914

1. US SHOULD VOTE FOR RPT FOR DRAFT RESOLUTION A/SPC/L.306
(APPLICATION OF FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION), AGAINST RPT
AGAINST DRAFT RESOLUTION A/SPC/L.305 (CONDEMNATION OF
ISRAEL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES)
AND ABSTAIN RPT ABSTAIN ON DRAFT RESOLUTION A/SPC/L.307,
(QUNEITRA).

2. EXPLANATION OF VOTE: THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION HAS
VOTED FOR DRAFT RESOLUTION A/SPC/L.306 IN FURTHERANCE
OF THE LONGSTANDING UNITED STATES POSITION ON THE
APPLICABILITY OF THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION WITH WHICH
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THIS COMMITTEE IS FAMILIAR. WE HAVE VOTED AGAINST DRAFT

RESOLUTION A/SPC/L.305 BECAUSE, AS HAS BEEN THE CASE IN PAST YEARS WITH SIMILAR RESOLUTIONS, WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE ALLEGATIONS IN THIS RESOLUTION AS VERIFIED. CONCERNING DRAFT RESOLUTION A/SPC/L.307 ON WHICH THE UNITED STATES ABSTAINED, WE REGARD THE KIND OF ACTION ALLEGED IN THIS RESOLUTION AS EXTREMELY SERIOUS AND ONE DESERVING INVESTIGATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE OBSERVATIONS ON

THE SPOT BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WERE LIMITED IN TIME AND DID NOT HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE EXPERT ASSISTANCE WHICH THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE RIGHTFULLY RECOGNIZED WAS NECESSARY.

IN ADDITION, WE CONSIDER THE REFERENCE TO THE CHARTER OF THE NUREMBERG TRIBUNAL IN THE FOURTH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH TO BE IRRELEVANT AND UNJUSTIFIED. KISSINGER

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